

DETAILED ACTION

Transitional After Final Practice

Since this application is eligible for the transitional procedure of 37 CFR 1.129(a), and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action is hereby withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a). Applicant's first submission after final filed on 12/8/2009 has been entered.

Applicant's arguments, see amendments/arguments, filed 12/8/2009, with respect to the previous Final Rejection have been fully considered and are persuasive. The Final Rejection mailed 9/8/2009 has been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Peil on 12/14/2009.

Please amend the application as follows:

Claims 37 and 72 should be amended to the claim language as shown below.
These amended claims will **replace** claims 37 and 72 as filed on 12/08/2009:

In claim 37, the amendment filed on 12/8/2009 **has been changed to** --The method of claim 1 [[6]], further comprising the step of: updating said trust token after a login by a trusted entity. --

In claim 72, the amendment filed on 12/8/2009 **has been changed to** -- The method of claim 38 [[39]], wherein said policies are applied by a server.--

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 4-5, 8-10, 12-16, 19-38, 41-42, 45-47, 49-53, 56-66, and 69-74 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The above mentioned claims are allowable over the prior arts because the CPA (Cited Prior Arts) of record taken singly or in combination fail to anticipate or render obvious the specific added limitations, as recited in independent claims 1 & 38 and subsequent dependent claims.

First, with regards to independent claim 38 & subsequent dependent claims, Examiner would like to note that "tangible medium" is being interpreted as a non-transitory medium which is statutory under 35 USC 101.

The CPA does not teach or suggest a method of issuing a trust token comprising a data object including a client-originated item of data as a client ID for a user associated with the user ID utilized with the client ID to establish an individual as a trusted entity, in a first session. The CPA further fails to teach/suggest storing the trust token on the client machine with the user ID, authentication credentials, and client identifier and supplying the trust token in sessions occurring subsequently to the first session with a network request. Finally, the CPA fails to teach/suggest that when the request is from an untrusted entity, the request is treated in

accordance with a policy different than those that are from trusted entities, where the policy of dealing with untrusted entities is to add a specified amount of incremental response latency.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nadia Khoshnoodi whose telephone number is (571) 272-3825. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Examiner, Art Unit 2437
12/14/2009

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